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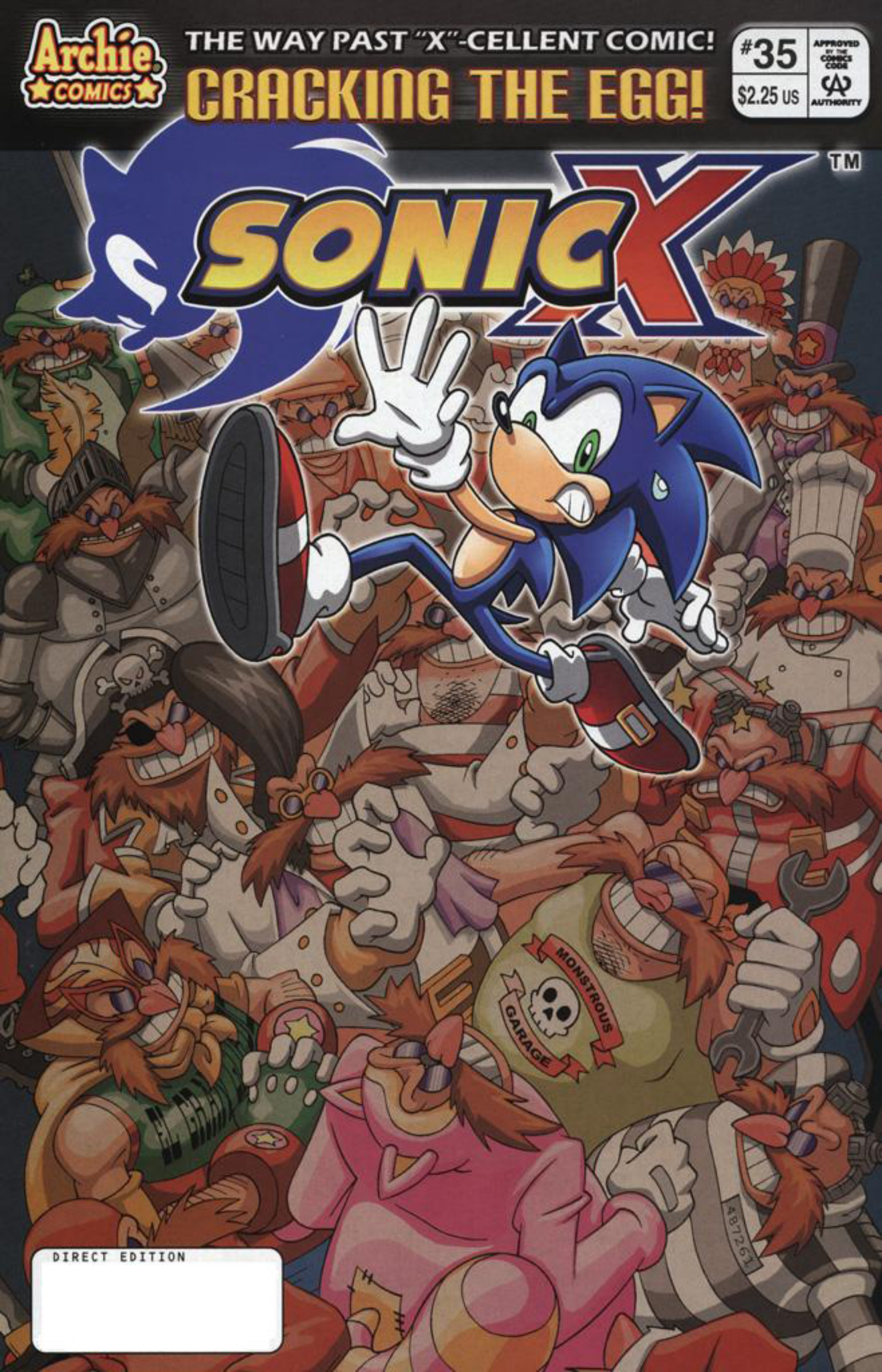

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THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA REPORTING LIVE FROM DOWNTOWN STATION SQUARE. THE CITY HAS BEEN RANSACKED BY A NUMBER OF STRANGE, MUSTACHIOED MEN!

CRACKING THE EGGMAN!

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I'M WITH THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY, WHO ARE HOT ON THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS ROBBER.

ACTUALLY, Ms. GARCIA, IT'S ROBBERS!

CHAOTIX DETECTIVE

MULTIPLE SUSPECTS?

YOU BET!

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY THE WORK OF IDENTICAL QUADRUPLETS WHO ARE USING THEIR SIMILAR LOOKS TO THROW OFF THE POLICE!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. WE'RE LOOKING FOR A CAREER COUNSELOR WHO IS MAKING A MISGUIDED ATTEMPT AT PROMOTING VARIOUS JOBS.

I THINK IT'S DR. EGGMAN IN DISGUISE!

BUT WHY ALL THE COSTUMES?

I DON'T KNOW!

-:SIGH:- THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA REPORTING FOR STATION SQUARE NEWS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, SONIC? THE CHAOTIX DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY MORE IDEAS THAN THE POLICE.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, CHRIS. CHARMY MIGHT BE ON TO SOMETHING FOR ONCE!

WHOA!

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!

I'LL JUST GO TO EGGMAN'S BASE AND ASK HIM. THIS SHOULD BE FUN!

WHOA! WHAT'S THIS?!

AVAYST THAIR! PREPARE TO BE PLOONDERED BY AGGMAN DER TERRIBLE!

NICE RUBBER SWORD, DOC. WHAT'S THE DEAL?

YUMPING YIMMENY! YOU'RE IMPERVIOUS TO MY WHEE-PONRY!

AGGMAN NAIVER SURRENDERS!

WOOHOOHOOHO...

...WHAT?

I'VE NEVER SEEN EGGMAN GET SO INTO HIS ACT. IT'S ALMOST LIKE HE BELIEVED HE WAS... *NAH!* THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

FWEEEEEEKABOOM

YOW!

AVAST THERE, ME HEARTY! YO-HO!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME...

AT LEAST YOU GOT YOUR BOAT IN THE WATER THIS TIME! I'LL BET YOUR SWORD IS STILL RUBBER, THOUGH!

ARRR!

SAY THAT TO ME FACE, YA CARBUNCLE!

ALL HANDS OFF-DECK!

I'VE BEEN SCUTTLED!

SMASH!

CANNON, YOU BE HEREBY PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN. *YOU* GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP!

KABOOM!

FWEEEEEEEEE

YARR. HARR. HARR.

WE'RE GETTING INTO A RUT!

AT LEAST I'M AT EGGMAN'S BASE. NOW I SHOULD GET SOME ANSWERS!

YOW! I THINK I PREFERRED THE VIKING BOAT!

FWIP

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KYAAAAAH!

YOU DARE CHALLENGE THE SILENT WIND OF DOOM? WHOOSH!

RUBBER KATANA! AT LEAST HE'S CONSISTENT.

WHAP

WHAP WHAP

CUT IT OUT!

KYYIPE! FASTER THAN NINJA!

IMPOSSIBLE!

NINJA VANISH!!!

=COUGH!= =COUGH!=

PAF

NOT BAD, EGGMAN. TOO BAD I KNOW WHERE THE "NINJA VANISHED" TO!

WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

WH-WHO GOES THERE?!

DECOE? IT'S SONIC!

S-S-SONIC ?

RIGHT. I'M LOOKING FOR DR. EGGMAN AND TRYING TO STOP ALL THE CRAZINESS GOING ON TODAY.

STOP DOCTOR EGGMAN?!

THANK YOU!

OUR HERO!

SO WHAT'S GOING ON?

DOCTOR EGGMAN ATE SUPER-SUGARY TREATS THIS MORNING...

...AND WENT ON SUCH A SUGAR RUSH, HE WENT CRAZY!

THAT SOUNDS AWFULLY FAMILIAR. HOW DID HE GET SUCH A SWEET?

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, HONEST!

DOCTOR EGGMAN GOT TO PRETEND TO BE EL GRAN GORDO AGAIN.* I JUST WANTED TO PLAY MY OLD EVIL OVERLORD PART AGAIN, TOO!**

*HE RETURNED IN SX #31!
**THAT WAS IN SX #27!

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT. EGGMAN IS IN A COSTUME-WEARING FRENZY. ALL WE CAN DO IS HIDE UNTIL IT'S OVER.

HOW LONG WILL THAT TAKE?

WE'VE BEEN TABULATING THAT SINCE THIS ALL STARTED. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT AT HIS CURRENT RATE, THE DOCTOR WILL BURN IT OFF IN TWO DAYS.

NO WAY! THIS WACKINESS NEEDS TO STOP NOW!

DON'T DO IT, SONIC! YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE DOCTOR AS HE IS!

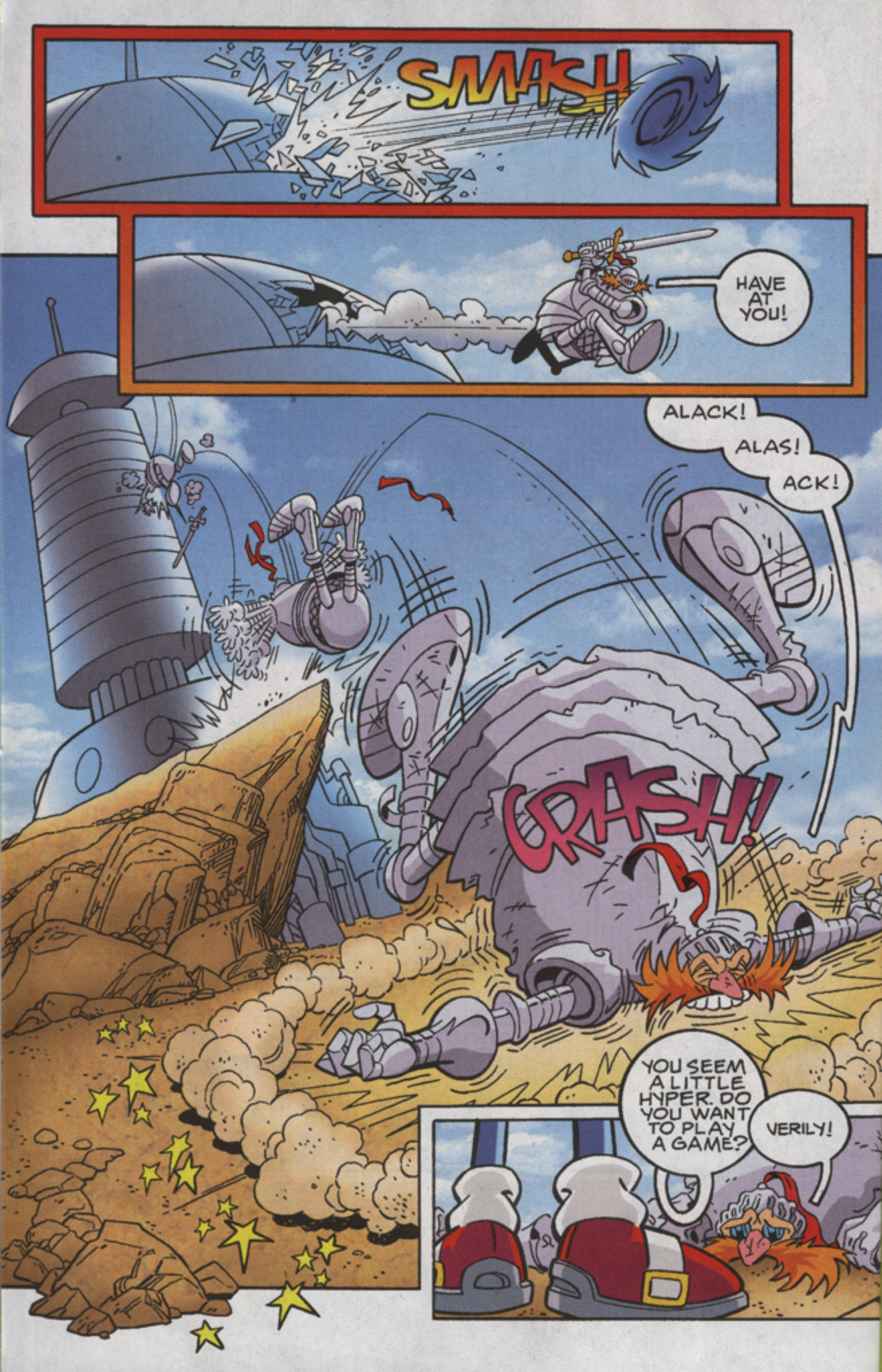
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT FIGHTING? I'VE GOT A PLAN.

THIS SHOULD BE EASY. ALL I NEED IS TO FIND EGGMAN.

YOW!

VARLET! THOU SHALT BE SMOTE!

OKAY, I FOUND HIM! BUT THAT SWORD ISN'T RUBBER!


SMASH
HAVE AT YOU!
ALACK!
ALAS!
ACK!
CRASH!
YOU SEEM A LITTLE HYPER. DO YOU WANT TO PLAY A GAME?
VERILY!

ALL RIGHT, BUT WE HAVE TO PLAY THE GAMES I WANT TO PLAY. DEAL?

DEAL!

COOL, THEN LET'S PLAY WILD WEST.

PLAY ON, GOOD SIR!

AWRIGHT, PARDNER!

I WANT TO BE THE COWBOY!

AWRIGHT!

ON SECOND THOUGHT, LET'S PLAY SPACE EXPLORERS.

OKAY!

WHAT? I SAID "CIRCUS!"

COPY THAT!

OR HOW ABOUT COPS AND ROBBERS?

ON WITH THE SHOW!

ON SECOND THOUGHT, LET'S PAINT A PICTURE.

DON'T PASS "GO!" I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

YOU'RE LOOKING TIRED. HOW ABOUT A SLUMBER PARTY?

I CAN PICTURE THAT!

YOU CAN'T BE TIRED YET! LET'S WRESTLE!

NO REST FOR THE WICKED!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO GET RID OF THAT COSTUME! LET'S PLAY GARAGE INSTEAD.

¡SI!

SORRY, GREASE MONKEY! I MEANT... SING KARAOKE.

OKAY, WE'LL SWITCH GEARS!

DON'T STEP ON MY SNEAKERS, BUDDY. REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID LAST WINTER?

YES!

I LOVED THAT ONE TENDERLY! I LOVE IT, TRUE!

CHRISTMAS COMES TOO EARLY EVERY YEAR. LET'S TRY ANOTHER HOLIDAY.

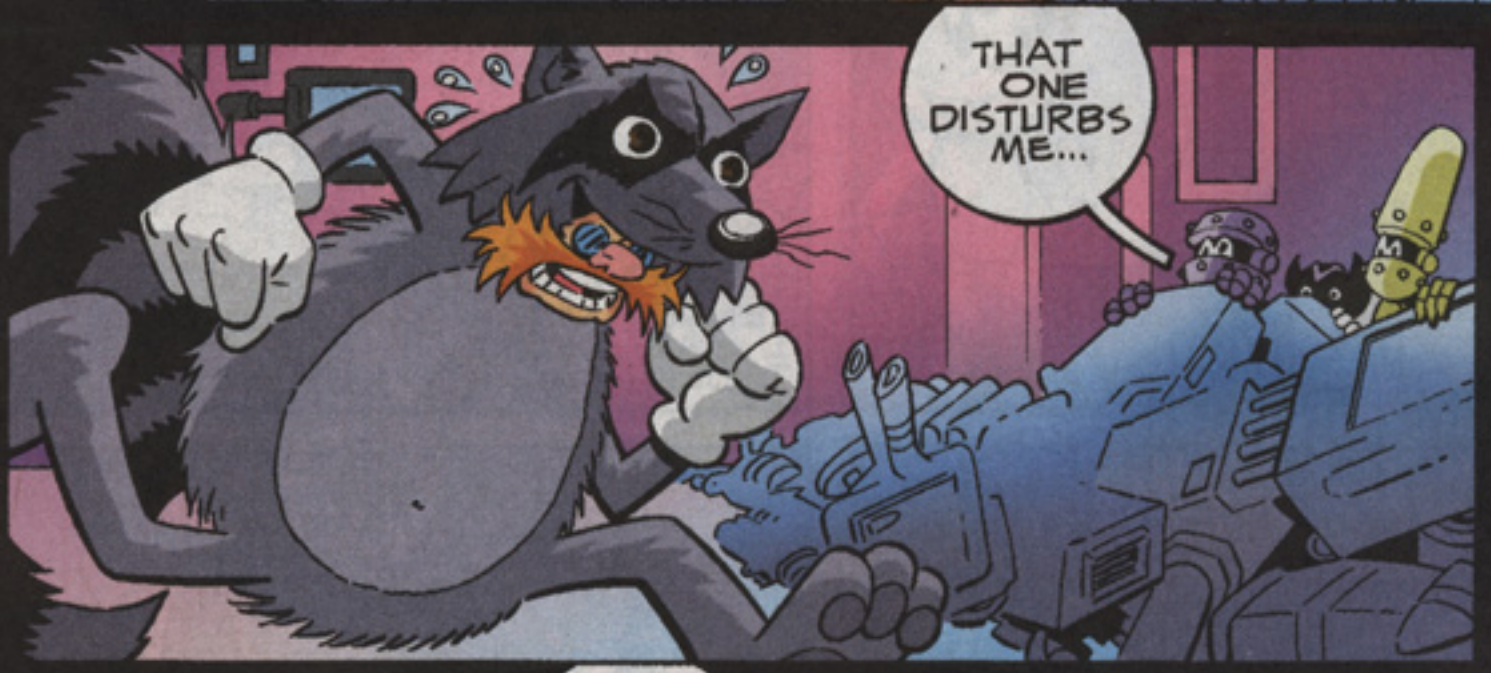
HO-HO-H'OKAY!

YOU CAN'T BE THAT! IT'S DAY TIME!

BLAH!

WHERE DID HE GET ALL THESE COSTUMES?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY DOES HE HAVE THEM?


THAT ONE DISTURBS ME...

THAT ONE DISTURBS ME MORE!

WHAT ÷GASP÷ WE ÷WHEEZE÷ PLAY ÷GULP÷ NOW? ÷CHOKE÷

WHUMP!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

WELCOME BACK, DOC.

DO YOU REMEMBER TODAY AT ALL?

...UNFORTUNATELY.

THAT IS WHY YOU NEED TO START YOUR MORNING WITH A HEALTHY BREAKFAST, AND NOT A BUNCH OF SWEETS. AM I RIGHT?

URGH. MY UPSET STOMACH AND I AGREE WITH YOU.

SEE? I TOLD YOU!

DOCTOR EGGMAN HAS BEEN BUSY FIGHTING SONIC. HE *CAN'T* HAVE BEEN THE CULPRITS.

THAT... AND EGGMAN ISN'T WEARING ANY OF THE COSTUMES SEEN AT THE CRIMES AROUND THE CITY.

I'M SORRY, GUYS. LOOKS LIKE I WAS WRONG.

IT'S *OKAY*, KID. AT LEAST YOU TRIED.

THE DAY IS YOUNG... THERE ARE STILL SOME CAREER COUNSELORS TO INTERROGATE.

I TELL YOU-- QUADRUPLETS!!! THAT GIVES US FOUR TIMES THE CHANCE TO FIND ONE OF THEM!

AND SO...!

HEY, SONIC! DID YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON?

SURE DID! GRAB ME A POPSICLE, WILL YOU?

I THINK AFTER ALL THAT RUNNING AROUND TODAY, I CAN HAVE ONE SMALL TREAT.

COOK FASTER, MY METALLIC MINIONS!

I NEED TO OFF-SET ALL THE SWEETS!

I WANT THE FIVE FOOD GROUPS CONQUERED BY DINNER!

IT LOOKS LIKE EGGMAN HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON THIS TIME!
BUT WHAT ABOUT ***NEXT*** TIME?
THE ADVENTURE IS IN *SONIC X #36!*
AND SATISFY YOUR SONIC CRAVINGS WITH ***SONIC THE HEDGEHOG***,
SONIC SELECT AND ***THE SONIC ARCHIVES!***